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Weather Indications.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Forecast till 8 p. m. Thursday: For Kansas—Generally fair, but conditions favorable for local storms this evening; cooler; southerly, shifting to westerly, winds.

CLEVELAND spoke from the east portion of the capitol, why not Coxe?

THE Washington police did just what everyone expected them to do—blunder.

THE "Goddess of Peace" didn't seem to have much influence outside of her own votaries.

CARL BROWNE simply confused terms—instead of reincarnated he doubtless meant incarcerated.

THE London police have great success in putting bombs in water after some one else has found them.

CONGRESS said it would treat Coxe's men as it would any other people so we may know now what it thinks of all of us.

AN Atchison county editor has named his paper the New Leaf, in the hope, probably, that he will soon be able to turn it over to some one else.

THE rabble that assembled at Washington to see Coxe's march seems to have been more worthy the title of hoboes than the ragged army itself.

SENATOR STOCKBRIDGE's death came at an opportune time for congress. It enabled it to follow its inclination to adjourn and relieved it of the responsibility.

LONDON anarchists got a little taste of their own kind of medicine when their meeting was broken up by a mob of people who didn't like what their speakers said. Anarchists strongly disapprove of violence in other people.

It would be unfair to blame congress with the ignorance and indiscretion of the commissioners of the District of Columbia or the blundering brutishness of Washington policemen. They have sins to answer for but not those.

IF Coxe had assembled his band on the capitol grounds and addressed them the authorities would have been justified by the law in arresting him and his lieutenants, but as it was, their action was uncalled for, unlawful and transcendently stupid.

EXPERTS have discovered that the air in the house of representatives is not pure. Something of the kind has been noticeable for some time, but the public has been thinking that perhaps it was too many Breckinridges there.

THE letter purporting to be written by Mrs. Lease and saying she had been reconciled to Governor Lewelling is altogether too kind and gentle and conciliatory in tone to be genuine. A dragoness cannot coo like the dove no matter how hard it try.

COXE's men were instructed by their leaders to break ranks at the steps of the capitol and there is every reason to believe they would have done so, but of course the police had to bear out, with their colossal stupidity, all the wild reports that sensationalists had spread.

SECRETARY OF STATE OSBORN says the flames will shoot up into the air when the returns begin to come in from the next election. It was fair to presume that the Populists would feel their defeat keenly but no one thought they would get mad enough to burn everything up.

IT would be foolish to suppose that the incident of yesterday at Washington will result in anything serious or terrible; but it is true that what might otherwise have been regarded as a passing whimsey and laughed at, has gained dignified sympathy on account of the dense ignorance of those having directly to deal with it.

ONE thousand citizens of Oklahoma City had the assurance to protest in mass meeting against the action of Judge Scott in sending editors to jail for contempt. Judge Scott, of course to be consistent, must put these people in jail for such outrageous disrespect to the court. The number is large but the people must be taught that the courts are running this country and that all irreverence will be punished.

NOT COXEY BUT HIS "IDEA"

Wherever you go, whether in the office, street or shop, you hear sympathy expressed for Coxe and his aims. Why is this? Is it because any sane man endorses Coxe's absurd plans for good roads and non-interest bearing bonds? Does anyone expect to see Coxe's foolish demands granted, or does any sensible person desire to see them granted? The answer is, no. Then what is it that accounts for the moral support given Coxeism by thousands of people in Kansas and millions of them in the United States? Isn't it because the people are tired of the stupidity, the incompetency and the puerility of congress? The people know there is something rotten in Denmark and although they are not agreed as to what it is, they know that it is there and that whatever it is it is very "rotten." Coxe's march on Washington is a viable protest against the laziness, the do-nothingness, the luxurious dissoluteness of the eating, drinking and forever talking crowd of incapables that fill the halls of congress. We can not all go to Washington and protest, but when other men band themselves together to go there, even though they are but the "unemployed" and "hoboes," we can not fail to say to them, godspeed, and if you can stir our daily-law makers into action, by all means do it.

In the west this feeling is particularly strong because the majority of the people in the west believe that the hard times have been directly brought on through bad legislation by congress. Every demand made by the eastern moneyed lobbyist has been obeyed; even their slightest wish granted; while the western farmer, the merchant and the mechanic has had no attention paid to his desires. Coxe gives voice to a thousand forms of discontent. The discontented do not endorse Coxe particularly, but they are ready to cheer when anybody, no matter who, throws a brick at congress.

Is it possible that we are becoming a nation of cranks? The daily record of bomb throwers, pistol flourishers, money demanders and "peculiar" people generally almost argues that we are. And if we are, what is to be the limit, and where is the cause? Is the native American brain so weak that these things are its offspring? It is hardly apparent. No Jones or Smith or Brown ever do these insane things. It is always a Most, a Prendergast or a Guiteau, foreign names, all. Would it not be a good idea to reconstruct our rather lax immigration laws and stop the breeding of these minds diseased? It certainly would.

WHILE his mind is on reforms would it not be a good idea for some councilman to secure the passage of an ordinance in Topeka whereby it would be unlawful for any dog or dogs of whatever age, sex or previous condition of servitude, to bark or howl between the hours of nine o'clock p. m. and 5 o'clock a. m., whether accompanied by its parents or not? It seems that there is a crying need for an ordinance of this kind. Every citizen who has had occasion to read, write or sleep between the hours above named has felt its importance. Let us have an expression.

Nothing is of more importance to the west, possibly, than that the science of rain-producing be perfected as rapidly as possible. Nearly every year we are threatened with a drouth and nearly every second year it comes in some localities and poverty follows. There is no joke about a crop failure in the west, and if science can arrest the cause we are sure of abundance every year. Kansas brains have discovered the means, but South Dakota is the first to act on it as a government. Three counties there have levied a tax of one mill to be devoted to experiments.

THE rare announcement that Mrs. Lease will bury the hatchet and support Governor Lewelling in the coming gubernatorial campaign will doubtless create a panic. In case the letter unearthed by Mr. A. G. Stacy is authenticated what have the Republicans left to hope for? For the past year they have been viewing with alarm the possibility that she might "help" them. Lewelling will be renominated and the news that Mrs. Lease will support him will surely put to rest many an anxious fear in a Republican bosom.

SECRETARY OF STATE OSBORN is a good deal like the balance wheel of an unwound watch, it only takes a little jostle to make it vibrate violently and the flutter doesn't last long.

TAYLOR FOR CONGRESS.

He Will Run Independently If He Isn't Given a Berth.

The senate will, on Thursday, take up the matter of the confirmation of C. H. J. Taylor as recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia.

Senator Martin is reported as saying that if Taylor is not confirmed the place will go to some Kansas man, and named as likely candidates Sidney J. Cook of Herington, John A. Eaton, J. G. Toler and Thomas Fitch of Wichita.

Taylor has lately written a letter to a friend in Kansas City, Kan., in which he intimates that he would like to be a candidate for congress in the Second district in case he is not confirmed on Thursday. In this letter he said: "There is no office within their gift of sufficient size for a Wyandotte negro politician. If I am rejected, it is likely I will run as an independent candidate for congress to represent the Second congressional district of Kansas. I certainly will not accept a smaller place than recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia. Mr. Funston, I understand, wishes very much to have me make the race for congress. He is at the bottom of the opposition here to me."

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KILLED AT VALENCIA.

David Haire a Well-to-Do Stockman Run Over Last Night.

David Haire a wealthy stockman, whose home is at Woodbine, Dickinson county, was struck by a freight train last night and killed instantly, at the little station of Valencia, nine miles west of Topeka on the Rock Island.

Mr. Haire was on his way to Kansas City with two car loads of hogs. He was riding in the caboose. When the freight train stopped at Valencia to wait for a west bound freight to pass, Mr. Haire borrowed a lantern from one of the train crew and started towards the center of the train to look at his hogs. He was walking on the side track along which the west freight was coming at fully 25 miles an hour. Why Mr. Haire should fail to hear the roar of the approaching train, or fail to see the glaring headlight, nobody knows, for he was a man usually careful and his sight and hearing were not defective. When the engine struck the unfortunate man he was hurled high into the air and fell several feet from the north side of the track. He died shortly after the trainmen learned of the accident and rushed to his assistance. His death-wound consisted of a great fracture of the skull back of his right ear. Both the left arm and left leg were broken, and the right shoulder was dislocated.

The body of Mr. Haire was brought to Topeka on the passenger train which arrived at 5:30 and was taken to Knight's undertaking rooms. His wife at Woodbine was notified, and M. L. Potter of North Topeka, who is an old friend of the family, is in communication with his friends. The remains will probably be taken to Woodbine for burial tomorrow.

Mr. Haire was a man 47 or 48 years of age. He owns a section of valuable bottom land at Woodbine, where he raises hogs and cattle on a large scale. He also owns land just outside of Abilene. His estate is estimated at \$20,000. Mr. Haire is a regular attendant at the Methodist church at his home.

Mr. Haire leaves a wife and three children.

As a business man Mr. Haire was shrewd to eccentricity. He would ship a carload or more of cattle to Kansas City and if the market didn't suit him he would stay at a good hotel and wait until the market came around more to his satisfaction.

No inquest was deemed necessary over the remains, in view of the nature of the accident. No blame is attached to any of the trainmen. The engineer and fireman say they rang the bell and blew the whistle desperately, but to no avail.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

The Barn of J. E. Pratt of Wakarusa Destroyed Yesterday.

The large horse barn of J. E. Pratt, who lives near Wakarusa station, was entirely destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. Several loud claps of thunder were heard during the night, and it is supposed the barn was struck by lightning.

The horses were all in the pasture, but with the barn a large number of hogs, about 50 fowls, together with a large quantity of farming tools, were consumed. The total loss will be about \$1,000. There was \$800 in insurance on the barn.

A LIST OF SIXTY-TWO.

Shocking State of Affairs Revealed by the Peterson Girl.

The case in which Ernest Dann and Cameron Miller are the defendants and Ida Peterson is the complaining witness, came up before Justice Furry this morning at 9 o'clock, and was given another long continuance of about two weeks.

Judge Furry granted the continuance on the representation of Deputy County Attorney Urmy that Miss Peterson is unable to appear in court.

Mr. Urmy and also the lawyers for the defense, Messrs. Bain, Larimer and Bird, wanted the case continued thirty days, but the young men had already prepared their continuance bonds with a different understanding, and the judge said it could be continued again next time.

There is considerable uneasiness among certain young men about town regarding the existence of a list of sixty-two who Miss Peterson is said to have admitted had been criminally intimate with her.

The list contains the names of some young men prominent in professional and business circles, a few students and high school boys and a number of loaf-

ers. Some of those whose names are there deny in the strongest terms the accusations made.

NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

Miss Anna Wilson has returned from a short visit to Newton.

Mrs. J. R. McNay has returned from a visit of two weeks in Lawrence.

Dr. W. A. Williamson is here from Colorado, on a visit to old friends.

Miss Annie E. Payne has been appointed an agent of the Kansas Mutual.

Rev. W. L. Byers is attending the state Sunday school convention at Emporia.

Monte Kistler celebrated his 10th birthday at his home on Van Buren street yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. J. P. Wilson, who has been sick some time, has grown worse and her condition is considered serious.

Mr. Sam Newman and Mr. W. H. Updegraff, two young business men from Holton are visiting in the city.

Mrs. Margaret Tuttle, who has been visiting the family of her nephew C. C. Nicholson, has returned to her home in De Soto, Kansas.

Ed Roselle, general secretary of the Fraternal Aid society with headquarters at Lawrence, is in the city visiting local branches of the order.

Jerome Mowers of Silver Lake, is spending some days in the city. He says the heavy rain of Monday night did not extend as far west as the Lake.

David Elder, Earl McNary, James Coghlin and Fred West went to Wakarusa on a fishing expedition today. They expect to return tomorrow night.

The foot race yesterday afternoon between B. S. Ansel and C. Burson, was won by Ansel. The purse was \$25. There was a good crowd of spectators but little betting.

The participants in the entertainment to be given under the auspices of the Ladies Guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd, will have a full dress rehearsal next Saturday evening.

The bridge carpenters went out on the L. T. & S. W. railroad this morning to inspect the bridges. The track has already been gone over and found to be in good condition. If the bridges are all right a train service will be put on next week. It is not expected that there will be more than one train a day each way.

When you need lumber give E. P. Ewart, the new dealer a call, 1012 Kansas avenue, north.

Monarch gasoline stoves at Henry's. Go to Henry's for roofing and spouting.

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Get your tennis shoes at the Blue Front shoe store, 820 Kansas avenue.

ST. PAUL DEMOCRATS WIN.

A Republican Majority of 3,300 Changed to a Democratic One of 1,000.

St. Paul, May 2.—With only twelve precincts to hear from, the returns give Smith, Democrat for mayor, the victory with a majority of 1,000. The result appeared doubtful until today. Davidson, Populist, had even a smaller vote than had been before conceded to him.

J. J. Cardy, Republican, is re-elected comptroller by about 800 plurality. The Democrats have five aldermen to six Republicans, and the assembly is still in doubt. Mayor Wright, Republican, had 8,800 plurality two years ago.

TOY FOR GORDON BENNETT.

He Will Have a New Yacht Built to Cost \$45,000.

New York, May 2.—Abe Hummel of the law firm of Howe & Hummel, is authority for the news that James Gordon Bennett has placed an order for the Hirsch office of Bristol, R. L. to construct a yacht that will out sail the Vigilant.

The new yacht is to be built under a guarantee that she will show a clean pair of heels to the conqueror of Lord Dunraven's Valkyrie and is to cost \$45,000. She is to be called Prunella.

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